

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2015 **Approved 09-23-2015**

Meeting began at approx. 6pm

Present: Ronalee P., Courtney M., Ryan M., Don L., Angelica M.

Absent: Mike R.

Guests: Dave Dastous, Martha Dastous, Mary Hickey, Sean Sheehy, Ann Marie Sheehy, Rachel Hickey, Jim Bowers, George Breare, Arthur Ober, Fred Knowles, Chief Fowler.

New Business

Basketball Area at Beach

Rachel Hickey brought Salisbury residents that live down the beach area to the Parks and Recreation meeting to discuss putting a basketball court down by the skate park area. There are a lot of children that live down near the beach center that would benefit from a recreational area to play basketball. Right now they have basketball nets in the neighborhoods, but it is not an ideal location for the children to be playing. Lt. King of Salisbury Police Department suggested putting up a basketball net at the skate park because the children have no place to play. If the net was installed by the skate park area, there would already be lighting there. It is also in close proximity to the police station, so it would be monitored by them. The group would like a permanent basketball area, as there is not area at the beach for the kids to play, including the reservation. Jack Bowers, resident on Atlantic Avenue, would like a hoop there because there is nowhere safe in the area for him and his friends to play basketball. All the children at the meeting say that they would use the basketball hoop a lot. The basketball net/area is supported by Salisbury Police Department as well. Salisbury Police Department would like to help out and purchase the basketball hoop on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Don is concerned about the basketball court, 9 years ago the same issue arose, but there was no support. The idea fizzled out. That area is not the best place for a court, public safety, portable net not safe enough. If this many people are interest, and Salisbury Police Department is paying for the net, Don will make improvements to the area. Lt. King and Sforza are on board with helping to monitor the area. Chief Fowler also thinks that this is a good idea. He will fund the basketball hoop with grant money that he received to enforce drug free zones and prevention. The Sherriff's Crew will clean up the area at no cost. Down the road, the DPW and Parks and Recreation can look at a more permanent solution. Motion to approve a basketball area down by the skate park, which the Salisbury Police Department will fund made by Courtney. Motion seconded by Ryan. All in favor. Motion approved.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from 6/3/2015

Motion to approve was made by Courtney, 2nd motion made by Ronalee.

Brewfest

Chief Fowler is concerned because of the amount of people that are attending the Seacoast Running Festival. The day of the Brewfest is going to be an extremely busy weekend down at the beach. All people serving beer must be TIPS certified. There will be one officer on detail for the Brewfest that will stay within the confined area. The officer is not responsible for checking the I.D. The insurance is all taken care of, along with the barriers for the Brewfest. The group will meet at 12:00 pm to begin set up on the day of the Brewfest.

Veteran's Memorial

Fred Knowles and Arthur Ober are here to talk about the Veteran's Memorial by the library. Ken Trofatter was a member of the Parks and Recreation as well as the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Now that he is gone, the Commission would like to know what is going on with the project. Arthur says that the group is disbanded as of right now. The Town meeting only allocated \$30,000 for the monument. It could be another \$60,000 to \$100,000 for the lighting, benches, pavers, etc. The architect that drew the plans gave multiple options. One of the plans was too maintenance intensive, the other one had too much foliage. The Committee went with the most maintenance free plan. The Commission can

obtain a pdf copy of the plans from Lisa Pearson to look at the design concepts. Once the monument is relocated, you will be able to see the area from the second floor of the library. The monument has been purchase and is being stored at the treatment plant area. At the Town meeting in the spring of 2016, more money may be asked for to buy the pavers, benches, lighting, etc.

Old Business:

PARC Grant

The Partridge Brook Park construction is moving along. During school hours visitors can park at the school parking lot. Phase II includes making Pearson's Pit a right of way to park. Cameras will be needed for the security of the new park. The water and sewer are installed, electric will be installed shortly. The project may come in over budget. There maybe a need to get a grant or fundraise for the concession stand. Ronalee attended a meeting for the trails and building a bridge for the elementary school. She wrote a letter in support of this.

Beach Field

Tabled until spring 2016.

Meeting ended approximately 7:15 pm